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## Oklahoma City Layman Proposes Evangelistic Emphasis At Chicago

OKLAHOMA CITY—(BP)—An Oklahoma City attorney, W. R. Wallace, who takes time out from his work as legal counsel for a large oil company to engage in personal soul-winning, has suggested that each messenger who will attend the Southern Baptist Convention in Chicago in May, 1950, covenant now that he will seek to win at least one person to Christ during the period of the Convention.

"Preachers are always insisting that laymen should do more work in witnessing for Christ at every opportunity," Wallace writes. "Our preachers could, and I believe would, give us a great demonstration in Chicago of what can be done in winning souls to the Saviour if this challenge and opportunity is presented to them."

In a letter to Dr. C. E. Matthews, director of evangelism for the Home Mission Board, Judge Wallace stated, "If every Southern Baptist messenger would go to Chicago with the serious intention of trying to win someone to Christ—every messenger aflame with evangelism and looking on that city as the Saviour looked on Jerusalem when He wept over it—these messengers would move into Chicago actually on fire for souls. This might start a revival that would save the United States and the world situation.

"If the United States is to be saved from Socialism and Communism, it must be done through Christianity and a national revival. If each messenger would ask each person he contacts if he or she is a Christian and pray for these parties, a revival would break out in Chicago such as the world has not seen since Pentecost."

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## Court Rulings Threaten Church-State Separation

PRINCETON, N. J.—(RNS)—Dr. Charles C. Morrison, former editor of The Christian Century (Chicago) said here that recent events and court decisions leave no room for complacency among lovers of democratic government who believe in the doctrine of separation of Church and State."

Speaking at an annual two-week conference sponsored by Princeton Theological Seminary, Dr. Morrison said Protestant churches "accepted the principle of separation and the Roman Catholic Church did not raise the issue until lately, when that Church became a strong minority in this country."

He described Church and State as

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## MISSION RECEIPTS INCREASE 10 PER CENT OVER 1948

January-June Gifts Total \$5,847,899.81

### 17 States Increase In Gifts For The Cooperative Program

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Seventeen of the twenty-two states of the Southern Baptist Convention showed a gain in their gifts to world missions through the Cooperative Program during the first six months of this year as compared with the same period last year, according to a survey made by Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary and treasurer of the Convention's Executive Committee.

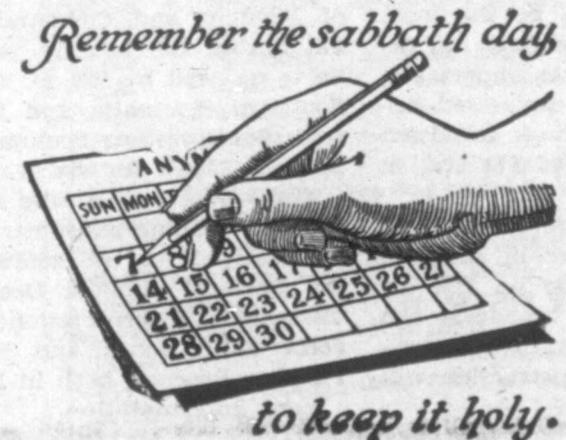
The largest percentage of gain in Cooperative Program gifts for the first six months of the year was recorded by the District of Columbia, where gifts were \$17,107 as compared with \$1,370 last year—a gain of 1,248 per cent.

Of the larger states, the greatest gain was marked up by Oklahoma which reported \$142,187.53 for 1949 as compared with \$94,791.77 for 1948—a gain of 50 per cent. Arkansas' gifts increased 48.4 per cent, and Texas recorded a gain of 17.6 per cent. Arizona's gifts gained 46.4 per cent through the Cooperative Program.

Only states to show a decrease in gifts through the Cooperative Program for the first six months of 1949, compared with the first six months of 1948, were: California, 54.5 per cent less; Illinois, 5.1 per cent less; Kentucky, 0.6 per cent less; North Carolina, 1.6 per cent less; and Tennessee, 1.4 per cent less.

During the first six months in 1948, Mississippi gave \$133,802, as compared with \$144,269 for the same period in 1949. This was an increase of 7.8 per cent.

California, with a 15 per cent loss, and Tennessee, with a 1.1 per cent loss, were the only states reporting smaller total of gifts through the Executive Committee for missions.



NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Southern Baptist mission receipts, given through the Cooperative Program and through designated causes, show a 10 per cent gain over 1948 for the first six months of 1949, Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary and treasurer of the Convention's Executive Committee, has announced.

Dr. McCall called attention to the fact that receipts for the first six months of 1948 showed a gain of 28 per cent over the first six months of 1947. He also noted that Oregon was reported as a Southern Baptist Convention constituent group for the first time. The Oregon churches gave \$625.51 for world missions during the month of June.

Total receipts for the first six months are \$5,847,899.81 with \$3,154,081.01 coming through the Cooperative Program.

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## Southern Seminary Enlarges Faculty

By ERWIN L. McDONALD  
Director of Public Relations,  
Southern Seminary

Two new professors have been elected to the faculty of Southern Seminary, Louisville, effective September 1. They are Dr. Henry Eugene Turlington, for the last two years a missionary to China, and Dr. Vernon Latrelle Stanfield. Dr. Turlington will be assistant professor in New Testament Interpretation, and Dr. Stanfield, assistant professor in Homiletics.

Neither of these young men is a newcomer, each of them being a graduate of the Seminary and having had several years of teaching experience at the Seminary as instructors. They have won the admiration and high regard of professors and students alike and their selection as members of the faculty is meeting with wide acclaim.

Dr. and Mrs. Turlington, with their three children, went out to China under appointment of the Foreign Mission Board and were located for several months at Shanghai University. When war conditions made their evacuation necessary, they withdrew to the Philippines, where they continued their study of the Chinese language for several months before returning to the States.

Another missionary, Dr. V. L. Seats, of the Baptist seminary in Ogbomosho, Nigeria, back for a year's furlough, will teach in the Department

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## EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR HINDS R. A. CHAPTERS

The Royal Ambassadors from Griffith Memorial Church recently enjoyed an over-night camp at Rankin County Lake. They used the newly purchased camping equipment of the Hinds County Ambassadors, which includes tents, trenching shovels, water barrel, cooking utensils, and other camping necessities.

This equipment is available to all R. A. Chapters in Hind's County by getting permission from the R. A. Counselor for Hind's County, Rev. Wendell Russell, whose address until September will be Monticello, and after that time, Clinton.

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### COURT RULINGS THREATEN

(Continued from Page One) "an unholy alliance," and cited recent incidents of what he said was encroachment on the public school system. He also reviewed Supreme Court decisions, particularly those touching on textbooks and bus service for church school pupils and said these decisions were a setback to those who advocate Church-State separation.

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### NEW PROSPECT COMPLETES VBS, BTU STUDY COURSE

New Prospect Church in Lincoln County began its Vacation Bible on June 27, with 119 enrolled. Enrollment day was on the proceeding Friday.

Miss Aronelle Lofton was superintendent; Miss Louise Adams, music director; Mrs. Felix Lofton, character storyteller, and Miss Dorothy Ann Atts, secretary.

Departmental workers were: Intermediates—Mrs. Leroy Smith, Mrs. T. H. Randall; Juniors—Mrs. F. L. Coker, Mrs. Hollis Smith; Primaries—Miss Emma Jean Fauner, Mrs. G. B. Smith; Beginners—Mrs. John Allgood, Mrs. Alvin Smith, Mrs. Archie Smith, Jr., and Mrs. Leslie Foote was in charge of the handwork.

The W. M. S. furnished the refreshments each day.

A BTU study course was conducted May 30-June 3. Rev. F. L. Coker taught the adults; Mrs. Shelton Thurman, the young people; Miss Bernice Pasey, the Intermediates; Mrs. Archie Smith, Jr., the Juniors.

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### Quitman VBS Enrolls 193

Vacation Bible School of First Church, Quitman, which was held June 27-July 1, had a total enrollment of 193, which is 41 above last year. A faculty of 30 did an excellent work in teaching the pupils. Members of the Woman's Missionary Union served the refreshments each day. The church bus ran daily and brought an average of 40 pupils.

Commencement exercises were held on Friday evening. A display of the handwork was shown afterwards. Refreshments were also served.

Rev. W. L. Meadows is pastor of the church. Miss Gordy Hughes, Educational Director, acted as principal.

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**YOUTH FELLOWSHIP, SPONSORED** by the young people of Glade, Bethlehem, and Tucker's Crossing, all in Jones County, will meet on July 23 at the Tucker Crossing Church, Rev. Joel Aycock, pastor. Rev. D. C. Jenkins of Bethlehem Church will bring the address.

## Emmanuel VBS Enrolls 87



### Witness Commission, Florida Paper, Gets New Editor

By EARL B. EDINGTON



REV. MR. W. G. STRACENER

The Reverend Mr. W. G. Stracener, pastor of the East Hill Church of Pensacola, Florida, has been named by the Witness Commission as Editor of the Florida Baptist Witness to succeed Dr. E. D. Solomon upon his retirement after eighteen years of editorship.

Mr. Stracener is a native of Louisiana, married and has two sons, Larry, 16, and Gayle, 13. He attended Louisiana State University and has done special work at Southwestern Y.M.C.A. school and at Winona Lake School of Theology.

Mr. Stracener will assume his new work about August 15.

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### Texas Baptists Begin Work On New FM Station

DALLAS, Texas—(RNS)—Plans for a new FM radio station were approved here by the executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The board told the convention radio department to start work on the station after hearing a report from a committee which re-studied plans for the station.

Texas Baptists had long planned the station, which will be the most powerful FM-type in the state, but re-study of the project was undertaken because some Baptists expressed belief that the growth of television might leave the proposed FM station with few listeners.

Dr. R. Alton Reed, director of radio activities for the convention, said the Dallas station would be on the air by Nov. 1, in time to broadcast the annual general meeting of the convention in El Paso. Construction will cost \$75,000.

The Emmanuel Church, Jackson, has completed a ten-day Vacation Bible School with 87 enrolled. Rev. J. H. Royalty, pastor, served as principal and was assisted by a faculty of fifteen.

A mission offering of \$25 was sent to the Cooperative Program.

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### 1800 Attend Second Week Ridgecrest S. S. Conference

Nearly 1,800 persons attended the second week of the Sunday School conference at Ridgecrest, Southern Baptist summer assembly grounds, Ridgecrest, North Carolina.

Dr. Duke K. McCall, secretary of the executive board of the Southern Baptist convention, was principal speaker of the week, and delivered eight sermons in the six days of the conference. Throughout the week he emphasized the need for a personal response to the will of God and decision to work for Him in a truly consecrated manner.

"Every Sunday school worker should have a sense of divine calling in his work," he said. "We should not give our energies to the Sunday School simply from a sense of loyalty such as we have for the Garden club or the Rotary club, but we must have in us a conception of God's purpose in our work."

Dr. McCall also emphasized the need for effective prayer in sincerely seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit in carrying on God's work.

Over 40 rededications and decisions for full-time service were made on Sunday at the height of the conference.

Those planning to build new churches or enlarge present facilities had opportunity to speak to W. A. Harrell, secretary of the department of church architecture, and with Hardie C. Bass, architect with the department, who attended both Sunday school conferences.

Earl Waldrup, secretary of the visual education service of the Sunday School Board, showed religious movies daily and conducted seminars on the use of visual aids in religious education.

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### SOUTHERN SEMINARY ENLARGES

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of Missions and Comparative Religion during the coming year. Doctor Seats received his Th. M. degree from Southern Seminary, and his Th. D., from Southwestern Seminary. He has been in Africa for six years.

Three young men who served last year as teaching assistants have been re-employed for the coming session: Dr. Derward William Deere, in Old Testament Interpretation; and Dr. John Estill Jones and Rev. Heber Fletcher Peacock, both in New Testament Interpretation.

## WELLMAN CHURCH PLANS REVIVAL JULY 24-AUG. 3

Rev. J. Paul Driscoll, pastor of Mid-City Church, New Orleans, will do the preaching in a ten-day revival at Wellman Church in Lincoln County, July 24-August 3. Morning Services will begin at 10 o'clock and evening services at 8 o'clock.

A five-day Vacation Bible School was completed July 15, with an enrollment of 90. The last day's program included a watermelon picnic, commencement exercises and a presentation of certificates.

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

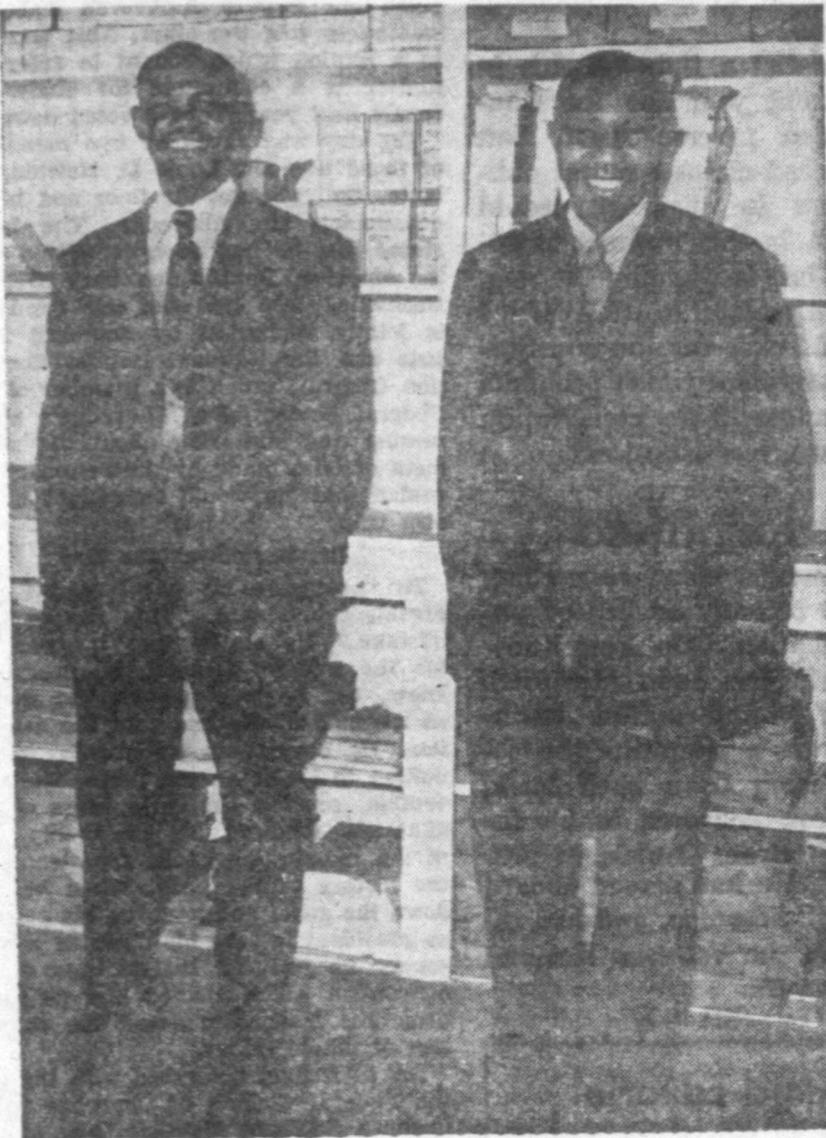
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|                                      |     |     |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Pleasant Valley (Simpson<br>County)  | 160 | 114 |
| Providence (Forrest County)          | 135 | 128 |
| Hazlehurst                           | 302 | 89  |
| Evergreen (Winston County)           | 57  | 65  |
| New Albany                           | 548 | 144 |
| Salem (Covington County)             | 204 | 136 |
| Paynes                               | 157 | 49  |
| Bethlehem (Jones County)             | 112 | 89  |
| Rawls Springs (Forrest<br>County)    | 142 | 104 |
| Brookhaven, First                    | 877 | 277 |
| Kosciusko, First                     | 505 | 170 |
| Durant, First                        | 190 | 76  |
| Centreville                          | 154 | 40  |
| East Columbia                        | 75  | 109 |
| Pleasant Hill (Lincoln<br>County)    | 101 | 65  |
| Union (Pearl River County)           | 106 | 126 |
| Columbus, First                      | 758 | 183 |
| Center                               | 210 | 148 |
| East Fork (Amite County)             | 81  | 61  |
| Mt. Vernon (Leflore County)          | 71  | —   |
| Delay                                | 48  | 53  |
| Pascagoula, First                    | 453 | 193 |
| Eastlawn Mission                     | 36  | 22  |
| First Church Chapel                  | 38  | —   |
| Hebron (Jones County)                | 85  | 91  |
| Zion Hill (Copiah County)            | 85  | 81  |
| Grenada, First                       | 473 | 69  |
| Holly Springs (Lincoln<br>County)    | 43  | —   |
| Mt. Zion (Lincoln County)            | 106 | 37  |
| Hattiesburg, Main Street             | 752 | 284 |
| Sharon, First (Jones County)         | 137 | 161 |
| Florence, Steens Creek               | 185 | 105 |
| Darling                              | 70  | 26  |
| Bruce                                | 258 | 93  |
| Calvary (Mississippi<br>Association) | 87  | 91  |
| East Moss Point                      | 154 | 79  |
| Laurel, First                        | 529 | 146 |
| Mantee                               | 120 | 122 |
| Oral (Lebanon Assoc.)                | 118 | 111 |
| Chalybeate                           | 62  | 35  |
| Union Church (Alcorn<br>Association) | 41  | 70  |
| Friendship (Lincoln County)          | 174 | 145 |
| Houlka                               | 88  | 33  |
| Rocky Creek (George<br>County)       | 177 | 96  |
| Lucedale                             | 354 | 148 |
| Bogue Chitto (Pike County)           | 114 | 96  |
| Hebron (Jones County)                | 89  | 83  |
| Laurel, Second Avenue                | 355 | 108 |
| West Laurel                          | 419 | 148 |
| Crystal Springs                      | 636 | 195 |
| Glade (Jones County)                 | 155 | —   |
| Cherry Creek (Pontotoc<br>County)    | 130 | 68  |
| Philadelphia, First                  | 486 | 79  |
| Jackson, North Side                  | 372 | 122 |
| Jackson, South Side                  | 171 | 94  |
| Jackson, Van Winkle                  | 379 | 209 |
| Jackson, Parkway                     | 676 | 212 |
| Parkway Chapel                       | 91  | 45  |
| Jackson, Calvary                     | 973 | 231 |
| Calvary Mission                      | 25  | 21  |
| Jackson, Emmanuel                    | 93  | 57  |
| East Side (Rankin County)            | 109 | 86  |
| Paul Trueett (Rankin County)         | 113 | 57  |
| Byram (Hinds County)                 | 135 | 103 |

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**HAROLD W. SEEVER HAS RESIGNED** First Church, Florence, South Carolina, to accept the Dauphin Way Church, Mobile, Ala.

**Mississippi Baptists—Your Secretary Says:**  
"Love Never Fails." I Corinthians 13:8



BAPTIST BUILDING CARETAKERS

We have two very fine building caretakers in the persons of Robert Burrus and Ulysses Tate. Robert Burrus is a deacon in his Baptist Church. Ulysses Tate is a steward in his Methodist Church. We are happy to state that they are unusually fine helpers in the work. They take care of the building, haul Baptist Records, and run essential errands for staff members.

## I

We herewith give you some interesting statistics printed in the statistical section of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Annual of 1948, pages 239 and 240. We have only 500 copies of this annual printed so most of our 350,000 Mississippi Baptists never see the contents thereof.

The interesting figures follow:

## MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS' DECADE OF PROGRESS

## General Information

| Year | Population | Births<br>(White) | Income         | Income<br>Per Capita |
|------|------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 1938 | 2,151,000  | 24,098            | \$ 387,000,000 | \$185                |
| 1939 | 2,170,000  | 23,271            | 427,000,000    | 201                  |
| 1940 | 2,183,796  | 23,295            | 482,000,000    | 202                  |
| 1941 | 2,228,000  | 24,395            | 605,000,000    | 283                  |
| 1942 | 2,227,000  | 25,566            | 869,000,000    | 396                  |
| 1943 | 2,232,000  | 27,280            | 1,079,000,000  | 483                  |
| 1944 | 2,176,000  | 25,976            | 1,148,000,000  | 541                  |
| 1945 | 2,060,000  | 24,103            | 1,159,000,000  | 556                  |
| 1946 | 2,060,000  | ---               | 1,143,300,000  | 555                  |
| 1947 | 2,092,000  | ---               | 1,378,500,000  | 659                  |

## Baptist Gains

| Year | Church<br>Members | Baptisms | Local<br>Gifts | Co-op<br>Program | Designated    | Total<br>Missions |
|------|-------------------|----------|----------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 1939 | 279,772           | 12,882   | \$1,265,136    | \$104,252.84     | \$ 116,137.06 | \$ 220,389.92     |
| 1940 | 287,885           | 13,367   | 1,366,373      | 118,266.14       | 159,803.79    | 278,069.93        |
| 1941 | 292,803           | 11,232   | 1,581,807      | 132,401.88       | 221,914.10    | 354,315.96        |
| 1942 | 300,638           | 11,893   | 1,721,195      | 179,783.56       | 313,742.93    | 493,526.49        |
| 1943 | 307,817           | 11,693   | 2,195,351      | 260,036.40       | 745,506.00    | 1,014,542.15      |
| 1944 | 315,817           | 12,189   | 2,655,674      | 369,709.01       | 511,049.29    | 880,758.30        |
| 1945 | 324,194           | 13,249   | 3,426,964      | 522,800.94       | 881,517.53    | 1,404,326.47      |
| 1946 | 335,274           | 13,043   | 4,326,864      | 559,163.74       | 1,251,451.82  | 1,810,615.56      |
| 1947 | 349,314           | 14,605   | 4,912,742      | 682,521.66       | 945,146.06    | 1,627,606.74      |

## Gifts for State Missions, and Out of State Causes

| Year | State<br>Missions | Out of State<br>(Designated &<br>Cooperative Programs) |
|------|-------------------|--|
| 1939 | \$ 38,977         | \$ 77,431  |
| 1940 | 35,645            | 88,457   |
| 1941 | 52,298            | 104,939  |
| 1942 | 71,068            | 168,795  |
| 1943 | 116,207           | 228,018  |
| 1944 | 153,553           | 288,018  |
| 1945 | 167,042           | 318,128  |
| 1946 | 181,326           | 542,889  |
| 1947 | 225,721           | 457,371  |

Per-capita income in Mississippi has increased 256 per cent since 1938.

**WEST POINT TO DEDICATE MOSELEY ACCEPTS MABEN EDUCATIONAL BUILDING MATHISTON PASTORATES**

The new Educational building at West Point will be dedicated on August 21. The three-story building has been in use since the first of June. It was constructed largely under the leadership of the laity, and when completed the Building Fund was not yet exhausted.

A two-week Vacation Bible school has been completed in which 331 were enrolled, more than in any V. B. S. ever held in the church. The Intermediates met at night for only one week.

Rev. Geo. H. Moseley, who has served as Minister of Music and Education in several of the largest churches in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi, has accepted the call of the churches at Maben and Mathiston.

He will begin his pastorate on August 1. These two splendid half-time churches are located in towns just two miles apart.

Mr. Moseley was formerly minister of Music and Education at Crystal Springs.

Per-capita giving to Baptist causes has increased 230 per cent since 1938.

Percentage increase to state missions causes has been 479 since 1938.

During the same period, the gifts to out of state causes, Cooperative Program and designated, have increased 491 per cent.

| Year | Sunday School | Training Union | Church Property |
|------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1938 | 143,761       | 43,411         | \$ 8,821,347    |
| 1939 | 148,303       | 44,133         | 8,911,350       |
| 1940 | 150,133       | 47,104         | 9,191,977       |
| 1941 | 148,445       | 49,104         | 9,303,583       |
| 1942 | 142,221       | 41,65          | 9,948,723       |
| 1943 | 140,298       | 39,069         | 10,421,123      |
| 1944 | 144,185       | 39,864         | 11,068,352      |
| 1945 | 149,235       | 39,767         | 11,829,121      |
| 1946 | 164,267       | 49,103         | 14,262,990      |
| 1947 | 179,286       | 55,206         | 17,449,812      |

## Mississippi College

In 1938, Mississippi College had 334 students, \$633,000 endowment, and property valued at \$644,000.

In 1947, Mississippi College had 1,675 students, nearly \$750,000 endowment and property valued at \$1,177,000.

## Baptist Hospital

In 1938, the hospital had a debt of \$50,000, 150 beds, and \$146,204.93 in receipts.

In 1947, the hospital had 250 beds, and \$774,087 receipts.

## Baptist Orphanage

In 1938, the orphanage property was valued at \$200,000, and a total of \$18,261.98 was spent.

In 1947, the orphanage property was valued at \$300,000, and total receipts for the year exceeded \$175,000.

## II

## KNOW YOUR MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CONVENTION CONSTITUTION

The constitution of the Mississippi Baptist Convention is as a rule only published in 500 Convention annuals each year. Our people should be better acquainted with this constitution. We shall ask some questions that are answered under various articles and paragraphs. These questions will only suggest some of the inclusions however. Please read the constitution carefully and we think you will be better informed about our work.

Do you know the exact name of the Convention? It is found in article 1 as follows:

"This body shall be known as the Mississippi Baptist Convention."

Do you know the objects of the Convention? They are found in article 2 as follows:

"The objects of the Convention shall be to promote a system of operative measures for the advancement of the general interest of the Redeemer's Kingdom, particularly within the bounds of the Convention; to promote Missions, Education, Social Service and other important interests connected with the Kingdom of Christ; to foster concert of action and harmonious combination of efforts of the Baptist churches of Mississippi; to afford Baptists a means and an opportunity for expression on moral, religious and denominational matters, and to cooperate with the Southern Baptist Convention in its work."

Is the autonomy of the local church fully preserved? The answer is found in article 3.

"The equal rights and independence of the churches are fully recognized and shall be scrupulously observed. The Convention shall not possess or attempt to exercise any power or authority over any church or association, and is irrevocably committed to the cardinal principle that every church is sovereign."

## III

Jesus began His first sermon with a series of Beatitudes. Matthew, chapters 5, 6, 7. "Blessed" or "Happy." Jesus wants people to be happy! He wants boys and girls to be happy! He wants men and women to be happy! How we misjudge when we think he wants "blue" Sundays, "black" Fridays and keeps things from us to make us unhappy! He wants us to be happy! He would only keep those things from us that would leave a headache, or some other hurt. A parent does not want a child to have a razor? Why? Because not having the razor is best for the child! The parent wants the child to have a toy or a bike! Why? Because these are good for the child and his happiness!

A Christian should be happy because of who he is, what he is doing and where he is going!

A child from the rural section has been promised a trip "to town" on the holiday. Think of his happy anticipation! A child "cooped up" in the city is going to the camp and lake next week. Think of the joyful anticipation! A sick child is told he will leave his sick bed in five more days. Think of his joy!

Jesus promises life, happiness, growth, service, spiritual health, love, Heaven and even more to His disciples! As a Christian do you feel a thrill from it all? We do not see how it might be otherwise!

We have been happy in His service in rural areas, villages, towns, cities, delta, hills, etc. "If Jesus goes with me I'll go anywhere" and be most happy in it! Doxology!

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## More Convention Comment

We continue in this issue giving comment by various Southern Baptist editors concerning the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. L. L. Gwaltney, dean of Southern Baptist editors, and editor of the Alabama Baptist was impressed with the unity and spirit of the Convention.

"We believe that the unity, spirit, and purpose of the Southern Baptist Convention are better and stronger now than they have been in three decades. We use the words unity, spirit, and purpose advisedly.

"The unity of the Convention so clearly demonstrated in Oklahoma City will be maintained if the Baptists will continue to remember who they are. Let them remember that Jesus Christ only is the head of their churches and the New Testament only is a sufficient guide for their faith and practice. And if the Baptists differ somewhat in their interpretation of the New Testament then this right is granted to those who know their doctrine. For the right of private interpretation of the scripture is basic with the Baptists and if one denies that right, he ceases to be a Baptist in the extent to which he denies it.

"The purpose of the Convention in which all Baptists can heartily rejoice, is to go on with its work, co-operating with Christians of all faiths in matters where such co-operation can be had without the sacrifice of their own principles. The Convention is determined to do this and it is determined that its evangelistic effort and its missionary enterprise shall not be abated.

"We left the Convention in Oklahoma City feeling greatly encouraged because of things which happened there and because the unity, the spirit, and the purpose of the Convention was so clearly

demonstrated."

Editor R. E. Alley of the Religious Herald of Virginia, discussing church autonomy said:

"It would be a mistake to suppose that the Convention has lost its strength and its power of decision. At times during the sessions at Oklahoma City, the messengers put their minds upon important matters of business and they made deliberate decisions." However, Editor Alley calls attention to certain weaknesses and warns against certain dangers. He reminds that discussions occurred usually "about ecclesiastical policies which show serious division within the ranks. It was at these times that the Convention revealed its distressing weakness. Unless certain differences are recognized and accepted in a spirit of charity by the groups which comprise the Convention, the future appears quite hopeless."

Editor Alley makes the point that "The question at Oklahoma City was not about uniting with this or that Church Council, because beyond doubt a large majority of the messengers from every state in the Convention were opposed to participation in interdenominational ecumenical movements. The differences lay in the attitude of the groups of messengers towards local churches that had chosen to affiliate with the councils."

Editor Alley calls attention to the basic Baptist principle of Church autonomy saying: "Every Baptist Church is autonomous, and every Baptist church should respect the autonomy of all other Baptist churches. This principle, if applied, will assure unity within the Southern Baptist Convention."

The price of Democracy was discussed by Editor John Jeter Hurt, Jr., of the Christian Index (Georgia) as follows:

"Baptists have their democracy, but we wonder at the moment if they will not have to pay more attention to it or pay the price for their neglect." Continuing Editor Hurt says: "The Convention was ever quick to ignore the judgment of committees and head in the right direction of its own choosing. That is a privilege of five to seven thousand.

"Messengers from East of the Mississippi and a great many from the middle of the Convention were caught asleep last Friday afternoon when the Convention voted to go to San Francisco in 1951. They were late in drifting back into the auditorium. They are not paying the price for their democracy by being on hand for a ballot.

"The vote for San Francisco over Houston was 875 to 838—a

mere thirty-seven majority. The pitiable thing was that just 1,700 ballots were cast from a Convention registration of more than 10,000. It was the smallest number in the auditorium at any session up to that time.

"We predict a fight on this in Chicago next year for the Convention can reverse itself. San Francisco can claim a moral obligation and in that we would agree. But, in this instance it appears the tail is wagging the dog.

"We are grateful to Dr. Wallace Bassett of Texas for the constitutional amendment which prohibits future changes in the constitution without one year's notice."

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## Man Is Identified

The young man concerning whom we recently advertised under the caption, "Do You Know This Man?" has been identified. According to information reaching us he was a veteran of the last war, suffering from shell-shock. He has been delivered to his father, Mr. Bertram Daniels, of Raleigh, N. C. He had served aboard the U. S. S. Saratoga, and had escaped from the Veterans Hospital at Roanoke, Va.

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### Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

## A Tragedy Averted

The Southern Baptist Convention came near being split wide open in its last meeting in Oklahoma City. The danger was far greater than most people realize. The danger is not yet over and may flare up at any time.

The near tragedy came when a motion was made by Dr. E. P. Alldredge, Nashville, as follows:

"No one who belongs to or is affiliated with any state or local council of churches which is connected with or sponsored by the Inter-council Field Department of the Federal Council or any one or more of its six affiliated councils shall be eligible to serve on any board, agency, or institution of this Convention—either as an official, employee, or board member."

The motion came as a complete surprise to the convention and was evidently part of the strategy to put it over. It was not made in the form of a resolution which would automatically go to the committee on Resolutions for study but came as a direct motion. It had not been printed in the bulletin nor was there any notice given to the press of the proposed change in the constitution.

### Loaded With Dynamite

Coming as it did and being "loaded with dynamite" as stated by John Jeter Hurt, Sr., who gained the floor and spoke immediately after the amendment was read, it was a surprise tactic and played into the hand of J. Frank Norris and his crowd. In fact, Dr. Alldredge has been keeping company with some of Norris's workers including Noel Smith and others at his offices at The Baptist Sunday School Board rooms in Nashville.

Six men spoke against the amendment, including Norman Cox, Miss.; Ed-

ward Pruden, Washington, D. C.; Russel Bradley Jones, Tenn.; Louie D. Newton Georgia, and Dr. Lee, President of the convention.

The audience was confused. Some thought they were voting to enter the Federal Council of Churches, and some voted one way to discover that they wanted to vote the other. This was due to a motion which sought to refer the matter to a committee for study and report next year. It was voted down.

The day was saved by two men. One of those was Dr. Louie D. Newton, Atlanta, Ga., who got the floor and began questioning Dr. Alldredge. The latter stated that he had been connected with the American Baptist Seminary (Negro), Nashville, since 1922 and this Seminary is jointly supported by Southern Baptists and the National Baptist Convention (Negro), which is a member of the Federal Council. Dr. Alldredge's stammering and stuttering about the statement of faith made by the Seminary revealed that he would be caught in his own trap.

### Dr. Lee Saves the Day

Dr. Lee gave his gavel to the vice president and said, "This motion is a mistake." He stated that he was not for the Federal Council, as everybody knew, but he was against the motion as it would divide and split the convention. He closed his statements with a motion to lay it on the table. The convention, sensing the seriousness of the situation, followed his leadership, one of the most remarkable experiences in the history of the body. When he laid down the gavel and gave up his position as president to take his place as a messenger he justified the decision of the convention which elected him as president. His leadership saved the convention of untold injury.

Dr. Alldredge, possessed with the fear the Federal Council of Churches would unionize Southern Baptists, has written a booklet called "Unionizing Southern Baptists." The statement has been going around that the Sunday School Board refused to print this book and that he had it published by some other concern. This is not true. Dr. Holcomb and others of the Sunday School Board did not know about the book until it was published. It uses names of individuals and churches in such a way as to be critical and also possibly involving in legal situations.

In attempting to put on a divisive movement Dr. Alldredge came near doing what he charges others of doing; that is, causing "hard feelings, wrecked fellowship and destroyed work and workers."

He completely overlooked the cardinal doctrine that the convention, state conventions, and local associations do not have any authority over a local church or an individual Baptist.

### Not Law Making Body

The convention has no authority to set rules and regulations or to lay down laws for any church or any individual. The convention cannot prevent any church from joining any council when it may choose to do so.

The convention has three times declined to join a World Council of Churches. There are very few churches that desire to join the Council. They have a right to do so if they wish. However, the Council itself does not admit local churches and denominations only.

### What Standards Mean

The by-law offered by Dr. Alldredge is exceedingly dangerous. If the convention can set up standards, as to its membership after this nature, which prohibits an individual from holding office because he or his church affiliates with the World Council, then it can prevent a person from serving who may belong to the Rotary Club, the Masons, or any other organization which it might name.

This amendment was evidently aimed (Continued on Page Five)

## Sparks &amp; Splinters

THE MANY FRIENDS OF REV. H. O. Worthy will be interested to know that he has resigned the pastorate of Fort Jessup Church in Louisiana, to accept the pastorate at Pelican (La.). He will begin his new work on August 1.

TERRY'S CREEK CHURCH IN PIKE County has just closed its annual revival. Rev. W. A. Greene was the visiting evangelist and Rev. Joe Hudson led the singing. Rev. G. E. Wells is the pastor.

REV. CLAUDE HOWE, PASTOR OF New Hope Church at Drew, assisted Rev. Charles Everitt, Bolivar county missionary, in the revival at the newly organized Meltonia Church July 10-15. There were 21 additions to the church, nine for baptism.

THE LAST WEEK IN JULY AND THE week following, the Goodhope Church in Leake County will have a revival with Rev. Montie A. Davis, of Brandon, as the evangelist. Rev. Homer McDonald is the pastor.

DR. CHESTER E. SWOR AND HIS mother, Mrs. C. C. Johnson, both of Jackson, are among the Southern Baptists who are en route to Stockholm, Sweden, to attend the Third World Baptist Youth Congress. Dr. Swor and Mrs. Johnson sailed on the Queen Elizabeth from New York City on July 15, and will return to New York City on September 6. In addition to Stockholm, they will tour in England, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Denmark, Norway, Switzerland, and Italy, and in connection with their return journey will make brief stops in Genoa and Portugal.

THE INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY Council reports that evangelical missionaries are now operating 5,133 hospitals and dispensaries in mission lands, staffed by 11,535 doctors, nurses, and other personnel. Of the 3,750 doctors, 2,336 are nationals. Of the 7,315 nurses, 5,554 are nationals.

THE SPIRITUAL NEED OF THE world was what Jesus came to meet. When we speak of his bringing the abundant life, many of us think of two cars in every garage and a full dinner pail. I am sure God wants his children to be comfortable, well fed and happy, else he would not have provided so many marvelous things to satisfy our physical needs.

But the mission of Christ to the world was a spiritual mission. He came to save men. Men are lost—lost in their direction, lost in their ideals, lost in their souls, so that Jesus has a mission through his followers to the spiritual needs of a spiritually starving world—C. Oscar Johnson in *The Baptist Student*.

E. GIBSON DAVIS HAS RESIGNED as pastor of Temple Church, Memphis, to accept the First Church, Kingsport, Tenn.

MEMPHIS, TENN.—(BP)—A CHECK for \$1640.69 has been sent by Mrs. W. J. Cox, treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Union, to Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary and treasurer of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, as the result of offerings made by the young women attending Y. W. A. camp at Ridgecrest.

THE NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION will hold its next meeting May 21-26 in Boston.

JAMES SAPP, FIRST CHURCH, Atlanta, Ga., educational director, will go to the First Church, Austin, Texas.

CONCORD, N. H.—A BILL PROVIDING for legalized "beano" parties when sponsored by religious, charitable, and fraternal organizations in communities where such games are permitted by local option has been approved by the Senate and the House here. (Editor's Note: We hope that no Baptist churches give "beano" parties.)

## DR. DOBBINS' BOOK IS WINNING WIDE ACCLAIM



"Evangelism According to Christ," Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins' latest book, is winning wide acclaim as a basic manual on New Testament evangelism. The author has been a member of the faculty of Southern Seminary, Louisville, for more than a quarter of a century, and his years of teaching Evangelism have gone into the making of the book. He says of the book: "I have written this . . . in the conviction that we must make the evangelism of Jesus Himself our studied model."

"Evangelism According to Christ" was chosen by the Sunday School Board as the Board's gift to the recent graduating class of Southern Seminary. In the accompanying picture, Dr. Dobbins presents copies of the book to two Seminary graduates: James Bray Sawyer, (center), Norfolk, Va., and Frederick A. Delk, Savannah, Ga.

AMONG RECENT VISITORS IN THE office of the Baptist Record were: Miss June Smith, Laurel; Rev. A. H. Chidress, Lula; Mrs. A. T. Walker, Jerrel and Cheryl Walker, Mrs. A. R. Dunkley, and Mrs. Harvey Lee, McLaurin; Rev. C. M. Day, Durant; Rev. Bill Smith, Clinton; Rev. E. C. Farr, Brookhaven; Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Owen, Jr., Tupelo; Mrs. Jack Green, Mrs. Otis Hill, Mrs. D. F. Hilburn, and Rev. and Mrs. John L. Gilbert, Soso; J. C. Massey, Morton; Rev. E. F. Wright, Berea, Ky.; Mrs. Walter H. Scott, Jackson; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dicey, George and Neilwyn, Laurel; Annie Averett and Pat Sellers, Hattiesburg; Buddy Hunt, Laurel; J. A. O. Russell, El Dorado, Ark.; Mrs. Ellis McNeel, Jackson; Harry Smallwood, Laurel; Fred Skilton, Blue Mountain; Ralph Marshall, Jr., Hattiesburg; Charles Phillips, Drew; Grains Lunceford, Slate Springs; Mrs. W. L. Holcomb, Truett Holcomb, Clinton; Rev. L. G. Sansing, Booneville; Ernest B. Myers, Clinton; Leon Smith, McComb; Charles L. Phipps, Jackson; Fred Williams, Laurel.

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## EVANGELIST GIVES HIS CONVERSION EXPERIENCE

By DR. C. B. JACKSON

Associated Superintendent of Evangelism of the Texas Baptist Convention

"I had heard of thee by the hearing of the ear; but now my eye seeth thee." Job 42:5.

It was my privilege to be reared in a Christian home. Christian experiences were often shared; especially during the revival season when the older people related their conversion experiences. My idea of how to become a Christian became so distorted that I remained an unbeliever for several years after reaching the age of accountability. These were trying years for me.

Although I said nothing about this burden to anyone, its removal became the main object of my attendance upon the revival services. I did not hesitate to lift my hand for prayer. I tried quitting specific sins only

## FREE TAXI RIDES BOOST CHURCH ATTENDANCE

ANGOLA, Ind.—(RNS)—Giving people free rides to and from church on Sundays has boosted local church attendance and increased Ray Myers' taxi-business by 25 per cent.

The nine clergymen assigned to this Hoosier town of 8,000 have praised the 23-year-old veteran's service, saying it has brought in "backsliders" in a way no church calls have done.

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MILDRED PEEPLE, ILLINOIS, WAS the winner in the first week's speakers' tournament at Ridgecrest. J. B. East, Oklahoma, was the sword drill winner.

to find them returning in another form. Then condemnation increased and salvation appeared farther away for me.

During a revival my father remarked to a younger brother and me, "I am praying that you boys will trust the Lord during these days." There, I determined to walk the aisle for Jesus that day, even though I died in the attempt.

He said that if I would do that, He would confess me before the Father.

Service time arrived and we were present. The invitation hymn began, but I had no strong urge to go. I closed my eyes, gritted my teeth and stepped into the aisle. As the first step was taken, there came a sense of relief: that question is settled. There was no shouting, singing, or clapping of hands, but I had done what God asked me to do and I was claiming His promise of salvation.

There was a quiet peace in my heart; that there was no fear of death from storm or disease. I now know that I met God in that quiet decision to do His will. After forty years of trying to follow Jesus I know that He reveals himself afresh everytime we decide to obey His voice.

## Horse Shoe Completes V.B.S.

Horse Shoe Church in Holmes County completed its Vacation Bible School on July 8. The Pastor, Rev. W. R. Swenson, was the superintendent. There were 68 enrolled.

The Mission offering was sent to Foreign Missions.

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Maintaining a family altar takes determination. Somebody has to believe that the daily worship of God is important. At least one member of the family must be convinced that a soul will starve without food as quickly as the body. Then just as much effort will go into maintaining a family altar as goes into arranging three meals a day. Someone needs to be convinced that getting the children off to school to learn the truth about two plus two and how to spell "receive" is less important than a few minutes with the Book which reveals Jesus who is the way, the truth, and the life . . . Jeff D. Ray in *Home Life*.

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## A TRAGEDY AVERTED

(Continued from Page Four) at certain individuals whom Dr. Alldredge mentions in his book. It proposes to take their money and at the same time refuse them the privilege of serving as an official, employee or board member.

## Try Democratic Methods

If Dr. Alldredge or somebody else doesn't like certain individuals, he has a right to nominate someone else on the floor of the convention other than that individual who has been recommended by the Nominating committee. This is the democratic process and Baptists are committee to that method.

Adopting the amendment of the by-law would result in Dr. Alldredge himself being disqualified from holding office and that the Southern Baptist Convention would have to abandon doing anything for the American Theological Seminary (Negro) of which he is an officer, because it is jointly owned by our Convention and the National Baptist Convention, a Negro group which affiliates with the National Council.

Southern Baptists could no longer support the American Bible Society because it is connected with groups which unite with the Federal Council.

## Would Lose Much Money

It would also eliminate the Foreign Board from co-operating with the Foreign Mission Council which it helped organize many years ago and has saved Baptists thousands of dollars simply because some of the other groups who constitute this body are members of the Federal Council of Churches.

It would have disfranchised all the pastors in Missouri, District of Columbia, and other sections which have had for more than 50 years a dual membership in both Northern and Southern Conventions. We would take their money but they could not serve the Convention because the Northern Baptist Convention in which they held dual membership belongs to the Federal Council.

There are areas in which Baptists should cooperate with other denominations. Most of the danger is from the outside and not the inside of our rank. Non-Baptists have the concept that co-operation means unity and union. This is not true. In the areas where we can cooperate, Baptists will continue to do so. But there is no reason to split the Southern Baptist Convention just in order to get at a few individuals, perhaps largely due to personal reasons.—EDITOR B. J. MURRIS in the Illinois Baptist.

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JACK GRITZ, FIRST CHURCH, Tahlequah, has been elected editor of the Oklahoma Baptist Messenger to succeed Albert McClellan. McClellan will come to the Executive Committee as Publicity Director August 1.

## — BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT —

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary

EDWINA MAY, Office Secretary

## Scott County Gets Started

We were over in Scott County last evening, meeting with a group of men at Clifton Church, Brother W. C. Wall, pastor. They were very much interested in the work of our men and voted to organize a Brotherhood. The Associational Missionary, Brother Smith, is destined to be one of our strongest supporters in Brotherhood work. He was there backing the work a hundred per cent.

## Mississippi Leads the South

According to George Schroeder, Associate Secretary in the Memphis office, Mississippi led in the number of Brotherhoods organized in June. The following is a quotation from a letter written to me by George: "Dear Brother Roberts: I want to take this opportunity to commend you on the fine report of new Brotherhoods organized in Mississippi during the month of June. The nine new Brotherhoods that you report during June tops any and all reports of our Brotherhood secretaries in the Southern

Baptist Convention for the 30-day period."

## Dr. Nelson To Speak

Dr. D. M. Nelson, president of Mississippi College and one of the most outstanding laymen in the south, has accepted our invitation to speak at our State Brotherhood Convention on November 14. Dr. Nelson will be the layman speaker on the night program, speaking just preceding the final message of the day by Dr. Ellis Fuller, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

## Brotherhood Journal

One of the finest publications of the entire denomination is the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Journal, Lawson H. Cooke, Editor. This fine journal which is used also as a text book in the Brotherhood meetings as program material contains advertisements of worthwhile books, Heard on the Road, Editorials, and an introduction of contributors. Selected.

## BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

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## POTPOURRI

Of the 115 Baptist students at Clarke College for summer school, 23 joined the Newton church last month. Others were already members. Clarke students led in a nice offering for the European trip of their Student Sec'y., Louie Farmer. . . . Over half of the Baptist students at Perkinston Jr. this summer are active in the BSU. . . . A total of 128 Baptist and Baptist preference students are in Summer School at Pearl River Jr., but only 42 live on the campus. . . . Almost half of Blue Mountain's Baptists tithe. The BSU there is participating in the visitation of the local church for their revival. . . . At Ole Miss 207 students had attended Sunday School at least once last month. With no classes on Friday afternoon and Saturday, it is hard to enlist students in the work of the local church, writes Miss Marian Leavell, because many of them leave Oxford every weekend. . . . BSUers at Mississippi Southern are paying off the notes of their BSU bus this summer. . . . Our BSUers will remember quite pleasantly Mr. Joel Sorenson, of Sweden, who was with us at our Cleveland Convention. We are glad Mr. Sorenson is now the Youth Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance. . . . 3165 Oahu Ave., Honolulu, June 26, 1949.

"We have had a glorious week in our Waialae Mission Bible School. The attendance has grown from 125 to 200 in four days. Five little ones walked the aisle for Christ this afternoon. We have felt your prayers here in so many ways. The work is hard and the hours are long, but He has made us sufficient for every task. These Christians are young; they are feeling their way, for the most part. They need encouragement that will strengthen them to give up many things to be true to Christ. Once these young people accept Christ and His challenge, no one can stop them. These islands are the key to the Orient. Here young Orientals come face to face with a saving Lord, recognize the inadequacies of Confucianism and Buddhism, and strike out in full fervor for God. Scores of them have surrendered to life service for Christ; and they're looking to China and Japan. How much easier the mission work would be over there if these Hawaiian Orientals, who are accepted

much more quickly than we who are fair-skinned, would move their mission endeavor to the communist threatened areas of Asia. It would have touched your hearts deeply to have seen the Japanese and Chinese homes where we visited Friday. We went to an area called Kaimuki and Waialae where the people live on practically nothing, wear rags, and call dirty, dingy little shacks 'home.' One Filipino family where I visited was composed of an elderly Japanese woman, a Filipino husband both out of work and too many children, barefoot, to count. The woman talked in pigeon. The children needed their tonsils out, no work, no food. Keep praying diligently for these people, that as we approach them in the name of our Saviour, we may have the power of the Holy Spirit to reach their hearts." — Norma Jean John.

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## DERMA VBS ENROLLS 108

Derma Church held its Vacation Bible School July 4-8, with an enrollment of 108. A mission offering of \$25 has been designated for the Cooperative Program.

Commencement exercises were held at the close of the school and the film, "Daniel in the Lion's Den" was shown. A display of the handwork was shown in the various departments.

Mrs. Ernest Barton was principal of the school and was assisted by the following faculty: Mrs. Roy Cole, pianist; Miss Sammie Doolittle, music director. Beginners: Mrs. G. C. Mabry, superintendent, Mrs. Lorene Sturdvant, Mrs. Ruth Barton, and Mrs. Harley Ramage. Primaries: Miss Bobbie Crawford, superintendent, Mrs. Margaret Rose Couch. Juniors: Mrs. Elgin West, superintendent, Durell Alexander, Miss Sammie Doolittle, Rev. Elgin West, Mrs. Hanan Neal. Intermediate: Mrs. Coot Bardwell, superintendent, and Miss Evelyn Shewmake.

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MR. JESSE DANIEL

Mr. Jesse Daniel, of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., will direct the Adult work at our statewide Sunday school clinic at New Albany the week of August 29-September 2.

As a former state Sunday school secretary, and now for several years with the Southwide work, Mr. Daniel has made a most valuable contribution to our Sunday school program and work. Fortunate indeed will be those workers of Adults who shall attend the New Albany clinic.

## AND THESE KNOW WHY

"We are happy that they will have this opportunity again this year. They enjoyed it so much at Laurel last year and received so much inspiration which has been felt throughout the year in their work. Our teachers are looking forward with much anticipation to this week."

The above statement is by Rev. E. L. Howell, pastor at Foxworth, in Marion county, and is in reference to the New Albany clinic, and for which he sends the names of five of his workers who attended the clinic last year at Laurel.

They know because they have attended one of these clinics. Their decision is that they want to go again. It must be good. They went once and want to go again.

And remember, it's free entertainment for the first 100 requesting it. The names are coming in to us right along. Send yours also, and the quicker the better.

Don't miss this fine opportunity right here in our own state. Use it for the building of bigger and better Sunday schools.

## JUNE STANDARDS

Cradle Roll, Ellisville, Mrs. F. L. Freeman, superintendent; Junior department A, Hattiesburg First, Mr. Wm. P. Eure, superintendent; Junior department, Calvary Greenwood, Mrs. A. L. McGaugh, superintendent; Doers of the Word, Junior class, Woodlawn Vicksburg, Mrs. M. J. Gallagher, and these Junior classes from Calvary Greenwood; His Followers, Mr. M. M. Daves, teacher; Loyal Soldiers, Mr. L. L. Hutchinson; Good Workers, Mrs. Frank Arnold; Truth Seekers, Mrs. B. B. Gordy; Willing

Workers, Miss Estelle Huggins; Busy Bees, Mrs. C. T. Ozier.

T. E. L., Adult class, Parkway Jackson, Mrs. K. O. Fryant, teacher; Euzeilian, Adult class, Laurel Second Avenue, Mrs. L. D. Burkett; County Line Sunday school, Rev. J. A. Barnhill, pastor, Mr. Garland Ponder, superintendent; Northside Jackson school, Rev. Wm. Lowrey Compere, pastor, Mr. H. L. Hutcherson, superintendent.

Our very sincere thanks to the leaders of all these units for their good work in attaining standard recognition. Others should do this.

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## Dr. Rufus W. Weaver Memorialized

Representatives of the Baptists of the First Church, Washington; District of Columbia; and national bodies in the United States on June 10, joined in unveiling a bronze plaque to the memory of the late Dr. Rufus Washington Weaver in the large reception room of the Baptist Building, 1628 Sixteenth Street, N. W. The Baptists were reinforced by representatives of other groups with whom Dr. Weaver, author, educator and executive, worked for long years in Washington.

Presiding was Linton M. Collins, Washington attorney. Invocation was offered by Dr. J. Raymond Nelson of the Bethesda Baptist Church. Dr. Weaver's last pastor. Presentation of the plaque was made by E. Hilton Jackson, Washington attorney, who paid suitable tribute to Dr. Weaver as a man, a scholar, and founder. The unveiling was by Mrs. H. P. Mason Payne on behalf of the widow, Mrs. Weaver. Acceptance of the plaque was by Dr. Clarence W. Cranford, Pastor of the Calvary Church, and President of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention.

The plaque shows an excellent profile of Dr. Weaver, beneath which is inscribed the following tribute:

PROFOUND PREACHER OF THE GOSPEL FOR HALF A CENTURY—AGGRESSIVE LEADER IN THE CAUSE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—PRESIDENT OF MERCER UNIVERSITY—FRIEND OF THE STRUGGLING STUDENT—EMINENT SCHOLAR AND AUTHOR IN THE FIELD OF COMPARATIVE RELIGIONS—INDOMITABLE ADVOCATE OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE—ARCHITECT AND DEVOTED NURTURER OF THE JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE OF AMERICAN BAPTISTS—INDEFATIGABLE IN HIS EFFORT TO ESTABLISH THIS CENTER FOR LOCAL AND WORLD BAPTISTS—CHRISTIAN STATESMAN AND WORLD CITIZEN.  
HE TRANSLATED LOVE INTO LIFE.

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## TANGIPAHOA COMPLETES VBS, SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Tangipahoa Church in Pike Association had 102 enrolled in a Vacation Bible School July 4-8.

A School of Music was taught at night during the same week with an average attendance of 90. E. L. Crosby, of the North Highlands Church in Baton Rouge, was the director of the school. Rev. Bob G. Wilson is the pastor.



## POAU APPOINT ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—Thomas Krock, son of New York Times political columnist Arthur Krock, has been appointed assistant to the executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Glenn L. Archer, POAU executive director, said that Krock will spearhead a drive for funds and direct a greatly expanded public relations program for the group.

Krock served during World War II as a colonel in the Office of Strategic Services and is director of Thomas Krock Associates, public relations counsellors.

Upon assuming the new post, Krock made the following statement:

"The increasingly violent conflict between Church and State in European countries should be an object lesson for America.

"Our constitutional guarantees of religious liberty have so far kept us free of the confusions, the intrigues and the enmities which are so commonplace in foreign lands where churchmen and statesmen attempt to share power at the same time they are jockeying for position and preparing for an ultimate struggle for supremacy.

"During my residences abroad, I have observed the bitter fruits of Church-State union at first hand. I am determined to do all that I can to prevent such a tragedy over here."

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## Greenville Completes V.B.S.

Greenville Church in Marion County held its Vacation Bible School July 4-8. There were 21 pupils enrolled in three departments.

Miss Mellie Rose Whiddon and Mrs. A. S. Whiddon were in charge of the Beginners and Primary departments. Mrs. C. B. Saucier was in charge of the Juniors, and Mrs. Louis Bryant was in charge of the Intermediates.

A mission offering of \$2.55 was sent to the Cooperative Program.

Miss Mary Dunaway was principal of the school.

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## DON'T INSULT THE DEAD!

By CHESTER M. SAVAGE

"She WAS a good woman." Often such remarks are heard at funerals! Such is an insult, first of all, to God. With God there are no "has-beens." Such is an insult to the deceased—as though he or she is no more!

Death, for the Christian, is only MOVING DAY. When a good man moves from Jackson to Gulfport, we DO NOT say, "He WAS a good man"—but "he IS a good man." Moving does not make him a "has been." It merely means he has changed locations, that he LIVES in a different place.

This BODY is my house! It is where I live. I am not a body; I am a soul. When death comes, I will move out of this body, to be with the Lord. I will be alive as much as ever before, but I will be living with the Lord instead of living in my body.

Let's say, "She IS a good woman. She IS 63 years, 8 months and 4 days old today. SHE has departed this life; has left this body—but she LIVES today with Christ. She is no 'has been.' She has merely MOVED."

## GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

### BETHLEHEM, SIMPSON COUNTY

I did something last week that was a FIRST in my experience—assist the same pastor in a third meeting at the same church.

The pastor is Rev. B. E. Pilips and the church is Bethlehem.

The people are justifiably proud of their recently completed and debt free church building containing 11 Sunday school rooms, a pastor's study, and a baptistery in addition to the beautiful and adequate auditorium.

The music leader for the meeting was Miss Betty Ruth Riley of New Hebron. She rendered valuable and commendable service both as a leader and as a soloist.

There were 17 additions during the meeting.

An unusual feature was the baptism of three generations—a mother, her son and her granddaughter.

Simpson County Record subscriptions are now listed as follows: Antioch, 16; Beulah, 60; Braxton, 50; Coats, 16; D'Lo, 69; Bethlehem, 46; Goodwater, 17; Harrisville, 40; Jupiter, 26; Macedonia, 53; Magee, 152; Mendenhall, 106; Mt. Zion, 97; Pine Grove, 32; Pinola, 48; Pleasant Hill, 66; Pleasant Valley, 42; Poplar Springs, 40; Sanatorium, 2; Shivers, 31; Slem, 30; Spring Hill, 20; Stonewall, 31; Strong River, 33; Weathersby, 1; New Bethlehem, 11; Everett, 13; Holly Grove, 29.

### GEORGETOWN

Georgetown Baptists are rejoicing over a new pastor, a Hammond organ, and the gift of sufficient funds to purchase pulpit furniture.

Deacon L. D. Spell, Sr., has made a gift of money to purchase a set of beautiful pulpit furniture.

The church has purchased a Hammond electric organ and the pastorum is undergoing extensive alterations. Partitions have been built in the Sunday School department to provide more class rooms.

A record attendance of 108 has been reached in the Sunday School. A recreation program which is meeting with much favor among the young people has been initiated.

Since the coming of Rev. R. W. Porter as pastor there have been 10 additions and he says that not only are the morning crowds large but also the evening congregation.

Copiah County now has Record readers listed as follows: Antioch, 18; Bethel, 70; Carpenter, 3; County Line, 32; Crystal Springs, 383; Damascus, 37; Galilee, 29; Gallman, 23; Gatesville, 6; Georgetown, 63; Harmony, 62; Hazlehurst, 188; Hopewell, 46; Mission Hill, 1; New Providence, 21; New Zion, 58; Pearl Valley, 28; Pilgrims Rest, 19; Pine Bluff, 68; Pleasant Hill, 36; Poplar Springs, 21; Rockport, 8; Sardis, 32; Shady Grove, 50; Smyrna, 31; Spring Hill, 55; Strong Hope, 42; Sylvarena, 42; Wesson, 75; Zion Hill, 45.

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DR. ALBERT SCHWEITZER, ONE OF the world's most renowned medical missionaries, now visiting the United States for the first time, told reporters he became a medical missionary "because in medicine you can act without having to talk."

## BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

Auber J. Wilds, State Secretary — Box 530, Jackson 105, Mississippi

Associates: W. C. Morgan, Louise Hill, Alene Johnson



It isn't often a mother and father are honored by having four of their sons called to be ministers of the gospel, but the above picture is of four brothers, Smith brothers, who are all Baptist ministers, and of good report. They are all sound in the faith, loyal to the denominational program, progressive in their leadership, zealous in their preaching, and efficient in their service. They are all Training Union minded believing that God wants every follower to be "An unashamed Workman, rightly dividing the Word of Truth." This picture was taken at the District Training Union Convention this summer. Reading from left to right, Grady, Aubrey, Arlis, and Owen. Grady is pastor at of two churches in Rankin Co., Paul Truitt Memorial and Rehobeth Aubrey is pastor at Ludlow, Scott Co. Arlis is pastor of Hopewell and Branch in Scott, and Owen is Associational Missionary in Scott Co. There is an old story about a fellow going to a large city and there, on the side of a large building were the words "Smith Manufacturers." He looked at it a minute and said, "Well, I had wondered where all the Smiths came from, and now I know, they manufacture them here!" Our comment is, if they keep on manufacturing the kind like those represented above we hope they stay in business from now on out.

First word about our Associational Officers Meeting—On Monday, November 14 we will have in Jackson, First Baptist Church, our annual

REV. HOWARD COURTNEY, PASTOR of the Calvary Church, Bogalusa, will conduct the music in the revival of the Tangipahoa Church, Summit, which will begin July 24. Bob G. Wilson, Pastor, will do the preaching.

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### WMU COLUMN

(Continued From Page Seven)

McComb First —————— 619.52  
McComb South —————— 65.67

Magnolia First —————— 181.35

Vanilla —————— 22.25

Osyka —————— 58.30

Progress —————— 21.00

Silver Creek —————— 12.35

Silver Springs —————— 12.30

Summit —————— 35.50

Terry's Creek —————— 7.80

Thompson —————— 23.00

Union —————— 5.00

### UNION

Fayette —————— 22.27

Lorman —————— 10.25

Port Gibson —————— 78.51

Red Lick —————— 11.50

Union Church —————— 28.50

Unity —————— 15.00

### WALTHALL

Enoh —————— 15.00

Lexie —————— 40.00

Messa —————— 10.00

New Zion —————— 31.00

Salem —————— 3.00

Tylertown —————— 207.50

Union —————— 5.00

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MIZPAH CHURCH, RANKIN COUNTY, has changed its name. In the future it will be known as Cross Roads Church.

meeting of associational officers. This year we will have the privilege of having Mr. Leonard E. Wedel back with us, and we will also have Miss Frances Whitworth, Southwide Junior Leader, and Mr. John Jeffers, Southwide Adult Leader. One reason for getting ALL ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS ELECTED EARLY is that they may attend this all important meeting. We will be able to help a little on car expenses bringing these officers to this meeting. This is made possible through the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

### Music Emphasis

#### District Convention Ensembles And Hymn Players

Below is a list of Ensembles and Hymn Players who participated in the District Training Union Conventions and ratings:

Ensembles: Quiltman, Excellent; West Laurel Baptist Church, Excellent; Second Ave. Baptist church, Laurel, Superior; Roseland Park Baptist Church, Picayune, Excellent; Petal Harvey, Hattiesburg, Superior; First Church, Gulfport, Excellent; Salem Baptist, Collins, Excellent; Bunker Hill, Columbia, Excellent; First Church, Brookhaven, Superior, Carmel Baptist, Monticello, Good; First, Comb, Superior; New Hope, Monticello, Good; East McComb Baptist, Superior; Friendship, Brookhaven; Good; First Church, McComb, Superior; Lake, Excellent; First Church, Jackson, Superior; Van Winkle, Jackson, Superior; North-Side, Jackson, Superior; Bethany Baptist, Merigold, Excellent; New Hope, Drew, Good; Ruleville Baptist, Good; Darling, Good; Roundway, Baltzer, Good.

Junior Hymn Playing: Peggy Thompson, Morton, Excellent; Gretchen Cordell, Northside, Jackson, Excellent; Lucy Ewing, First Church, Jackson, Excellent; Elaine Lewis, Adams, Excellent; Martha Bennett, Second Avenue, Baptist, Yazoo City, Excellent; Bonnie Sue Dill, New Hope, Drew, Good; Dorothy May Mitchell, Bethany Baptist, Merigold, Good; Elizabeth Sanders, Darling, Excellent; Peggy Joyce Moore, Crenshaw, Excellent.

Intermediate Hymn Players: Ruby Nell Trash, Leesburg, Excellent; Shirley Davis, Brandon, Excellent; Betty Denson, Ludlow, Excellent; Frank Brooks, Jr., Lake, Excellent; Shirley Meek, First Church Jackson, Superior; Sara Simmons, First, Kosciusko, Good; Vernon Rowe Netherland, Eden, Excellent; Ola Kate Shepherd, Walnut Grove, Fair.

The above list is very gratifying. All of the above listed will participate in the State Festival next December.

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## Department of Temperance Activities

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## QUITMAN COUNTY TO HOLD LOCAL OPTION ELECTION

The Christian citizens of Quitman County filed a petition with the Board of Supervisors requesting a local option election to determine where beer should continue to be sold legally in their county. The election has been set for August 16. It was in their county Sunday, July 10, and spoke in two of their churches on the

beer question. Courageous, fearless preaching from the pulpits will win anywhere. It is a moral spiritual crusade, and wherever the pastors take a definite stand, God's people who are members of their churches will follow them. Please pray for a sweeping victory in this crusade.

Other counties are also working to oust beer. Every county in the state should rise up and put out this public enemy No. One.

## NEW SIGHT HAS REVIVAL

Dr. W. Landon Miller, pastor of the First Church, Brookhaven, was the visiting evangelist in a recent revival at New Sight Church in Lincoln County. At the morning services about 125 people met to hear lectures on "Doctrine and Eternal Security of the Believer."

There were four additions, two for baptism, and almost the entire membership rededicated their lives. From the Sunday before the revival to the Sunday when the revival closed, the Sunday School attendance jumped from 63 to 164, and the BTU attendance from 54 to 137.

On July 10 the church had Family Day. The largest family, with 23 members, was presented a painting of Solomon's "Head of Christ."

During the two and one-half years' pastorate of Rev. Edward C. Farr, New Sight has had 102 additions.

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## 24 ADDITIONS IN YOUTH REVIVAL AT RULEVILLE

Youth Revival was conducted July 10-17 at the Ruleville Church. The team of three was composed of Rev. Ernest Myers, preacher, Roy Brignance, song leader, both of Mississippi College, and Miss Mary Jane Netherly of Blue Mountain, young peoples leader.

There were 24 additions, eighteen for baptism. In the consecration service there were more than twenty rededications.

The adults were a very vital part of the revival and served to make the results more permanent.

Rev. Nat Tracy, Pastor, recommends a youth revival for every church in the state.

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## WHEELER COMPLETES VBS

Wheeler Church, Prentiss County, has completed its Vacation Bible School. The school ran June 27-July 1, with commencement on Sunday night, July 3.

Mrs. G. B. Basden served as principal, assisted by the following workers: Mrs. Fred Leech, Mrs. George Oakley, Mrs. James Franks, Mrs. Bill Franks, Mrs. J. B. Wheeler, Mrs. H. L. Smith, Betty Smith, Joan Bruce, Mrs. Juanita McMillan, Mrs. Evelyn Strange, Mrs. J. C. Copeland, Mrs. Joe Copeland, Mrs. Howard Moore, Mrs. Katherine Richey, Miss Velma Strange, Mrs. Essie Coggins and Mrs. Mrs. Bess Arnold. Miss Bobbie Nell Carter served as Secretary.

## Lawyer C. W. Brannon Becomes Evangelist



CLIFTON W. BRANNON

Texts instead of briefs, decisions for Christ instead of judgments of courts, are now the consuming interest of Clifton W. Brannon, Longview, Texas, attorney.

Severing a very profitable business and professional connection on July 6, Clifton W. Brannon entered the field of full-time evangelism. He has been secretary and general counsel for R. G. LeTourneau, Inc., and affiliated firms, and has been a Longview, Texas, attorney.

Second, I am so glad that you wrote in favor of establishing the Baptist Assembly near Harrison, Arkansas. By ALL means it should be located near Harrison, Arkansas. Our Convention should speak for more of us than the small Committee. Why did the Committee over-ride the vote of our Convention? That is not right, so I hope and pray that our Western Assembly will be located in Arkansas.

Third, as to Truman wanting Taylor appointed, certainly that is not Baptistic NEITHER is it Democratic—it is demagogism. When a person tries to do such a dirty trick, he ceases to be a Democrat. I am a Democrat and DO NOT believe in such stuff. I pray for Mr. Truman that he will stand up as a professed Baptist should at all times. "A Baptist Smile" is good, but it needs to be lived up to in every sense of the word. I am a Baptist and a Democrat.

Sincerely yours,  
E. D. ESTES  
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## GOD'S HOLY WORD

By Mrs. T. W. Hudson  
God's inspired Holy Word as given to man  
Transforming in power, meets every demand:  
Proclaiming to all, the Father's great love  
In giving His Son, sent from above—  
The Only Begotten, On Calvary's Tree  
Dying for sinners—man to set free.  
The Word, transcendent in splendor and beauty  
Revealing to mortals, their privilege and duty  
Within its pages, are found gems so rare  
Ever sparkling radiant and fair.  
In joy or sorrow, God's comforting care  
Is beautifully portrayed, none can compare.  
His Blessed Word has stood the test  
Down thro' the ages, always the best.  
"The Lamp of our feet" to show the way  
Helping the sinner lest he go astray.  
By God's Grace, thro' faith, man is made pure.  
This Book of Life points the way  
To the Pearly White City, someday.  
Read it, live it, study it, friend  
"Tis abounding in wisdom, has no end;  
It will guide us along this rugged path  
Till we shall meet with the Father at last.

## OMA CHURCH TO HOLD REVIVAL JULY 24-29

Oma Church will have their annual revival July 24-29. There will be two services daily at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m. Rev. John H. Reynolds is pastor of this church.

Rev. Frank H. Thomas of Clinton is the evangelist. Miss Dorothy Beasley of Oma will direct the music. Mr. Thomas, a recent graduate of Mississippi College, is pastor of the Woodlawn Church, Vicksburg.

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## FLORA REVIVAL ADDS 19

Rev. L. G. Sansing of Booneville was the evangelist in a revival at Flora the week of July 10-17. Alvon Doty of Jackson led the singing.

There were 19 additions, 13 on profession of faith. Rev. O. B. Beverly is the pastor.

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## A MISSIONARY WRITES

Dear Friends:

Many have been asking us if and when we will be returning to China. Our hearts almost bleed when we think of China and the suffering of so many of our Chinese friends who are in Communist controlled areas. We told you some months ago about the fall of Tsinan, capital city of Shantung Providence, to the communists. The first letter from there after the nine-day battle and consequent fall of the city said, "We went over to the Baptist Mission to see how it had fared during the fighting. As we approached we noticed that enemy shells had penetrated your house. We counted 150 new graves in your yard." You can imagine how this made us feel—the only home we have known in all our married life in China; all our books (selected over a period of 30 years) and furniture gone. A later letter revealed that Communist soldiers were living in our house. Thank God, we long since learned that true values do not consist of material things. It is not the first time we have been called on to practice the Scriptural admonition to "take joyfully the spoiling of your goods."

Our little losses are nothing when we think of the suffering of our people, the Christians and our co-workers. Recent letters have come from Tsinan saying the pastors of all the churches are still there. Meetings can be held but there is no liberty to preach as you please. A communist spy is present at all meetings and reports on what is said. All preachers, teachers, doctors and other Christian leaders are forced to attend lectures on Communism and urged to line up with the Communist regime. Some Mission Schools in the city have been closed by the Communists.

When it became impossible for us to return to Tsinan, our former place of work, we were invited by our missionaries and Chinese Baptist leaders in Formosa to come there when our furlough was finished. Dr. Gauthen, our secretary, for the Orient, favored such a move, but since the Communists were moving so fast in China proper advised us to wait and stand by for further instructions as soon as he could see more clearly what the outcome would be. If all the mainland of China falls to the Communists the island of Formosa, yes and all other countries in the far east, will follow rapidly.

So, for the present we do not know when or where we will go. Long ago our lives and all were dedicated to Him to go wherever He should lead and do whatever He wanted us to do. Through the many years He has lead and blessed in a marvelous way. We are trusting Him to lead and take us through the remaining years and complete that "good work" which he began in us.

Yours in His Glad Service,  
JOHN A. ABERNATHY

## GLADE ORDAINS DEACONS

Glade Church in Jones County ordained four deacons in a special service on June 26. There were J. S. Yelverton, W. C. Byrd, B. W. Pippin, and G. A. Harrison.

Rev. Dave Harrison preached the ordination sermon, and Rev. John Hillburn read the scripture. Rev. Fred Williams is the pastor.

## Sunday School Lesson

Prepared By  
BRACEY CAMPBELL

July 24. HOW GOD'S JUSTICE WORKS. Psalms 32:51; 86: 130:1-5.

### I. THE JUDGE

"Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" That forever is the character of the judge. He will set the world in order so that the right shall at last come uppermost and justice at length shall be done. Nay, He is the righteousness; He is the justice. When a good man thinks of the righteousness, he thinks of God; and, by the same token, when a man thinks of Justice, he thinks of God.

This righteous judge made man and, therefore, knows of what material man is constituted. "He knoweth our frame: He remembereth that we are dust." He made the human heart and he knows its strength and its weakness. The God of the heart is merciful and of a loving kindness that endures forever. Does His mercy cancel His Justice? No! His mercy insures, guarantees His Justice.

### II. "THIS IS THE JUDGMENT"

"And now I mean a standard. It is the rule of absolute rectitude which is a transcript of the character of God. The judgment is the radiance of the light of which dear old John spoke when he said (I John 1:5) "God is light, and in Him there is no darkness." As light, God reveals all things as they are, the hidden graces and greatness of Himself, the hidden things of men. The judgment is not a pronouncement withheld and problematical unto some one fated day; but it is light in which the right stands revealed here and now. You may write it down in your notebook that every day is judgment day, that the light of the Almighty is forever revealing, revealing, revealing, the things that might be thought of as hidden, and they are not, but are open and laid bare before the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.

Saul needed only to see the enormity of disobedience as it was lighted by God through the words of Samuel (I Samuel 15:30) to lead him to say, "I have sinned." Poor Cain gave way to anger and slew his righteous brother, nor was he fully aware of the enormity of his deed until the word of the Lord sought him out and poured the light of judgment upon his deed by the searching questions, "Where is thy brother? . . . What hast thou done?" (Genesis 4, 9, 10.) And in his reaction to those questions the last strand of Cain's self-righteousness snapped asunder and he beheld himself adjudged for what he was.

### III. THE CULPRIT

In the Psalms given us for study, it is David the King. He had sinned grievously, and his sin was against God! Of course it was! All sin is! I do a brother a wrong, but the sin of my so doing is against God. What David did was not unusual among the kings of David's day. There was not a king of any country around David's land who might not have done with perfect impunity what David did. One among the assumed prerogatives of kings has been to take for their own any woman they fancied, but in the light of God it is not so. In that light David saw his deed, heinous, lustful, brutal, traitorous in the radiance of a divine standard, and he saw himself judged worthy of the wrath of God against sin.

So David came penitent before God, acknowledging his sin, hating it, abhorring himself that he had done that which the light revealed as fault and folly wrong and wicked. David came to God pleading no worth or merit of his own, never reminding God of the fight with Goliath or of his cherished desire to build his Lord a temple, but as any penitent sinner confessing his sin and

## 69 PROFESSIONS IN DAVIS MEMORIAL REVIVAL

Davis Memorial Church, Jackson, closed a Youth revival on July 10 in which Frank Currie, of Shreveport, Louisiana, did the preaching and Dick Asire, of Granger, Indiana, led the singing. Both team members are students at the Bob Jones University.

During the meeting 69 came forward for baptism and 28 rededicated their lives. Each person making a decision was dealt with in an inquiry room by experienced personal workers. A follow-up visit was made to the home of each person that came on profession of faith.

More than 75 attended the Children's hour each evening at 7 o'clock. A program of Bible stories, choruses, and flannel-graph illustrations was presented.

At the close of the meeting the church unanimously voted to have the same Youth team to hold a similar meeting in 1950.

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## MC MINISTERS ORGANIZE PASTORAL COMMITTEE

A Pastoral Committee was organized by the Ministerial Association of Mississippi College. The duties of this committee will be to assist in filling vacant pulpits with unengaged preachers. It will also serve as a means of placing preachers before pastorless churches.

Any church wanting the assistance of the committee may contact Rev. Aubrey Moore, Clinton.

flinging himself in perfect abandon upon the mercy and goodness of God. Is it not a good thing for David and for you there is a merciful God to whom you may go for pardon when you have sinned instead of your having to go to your neighbor, or some less well-known judge? Do you ask, "How about yourself, Mr. Goody Two-Shoes? You have no reason, I suppose, to go to anybody for pardon."

My need of pardon is my reason for making the observation. I would rather be judged by the Lord God Almighty any day in the week than by any fellow man, especially my neighbor. Why, I can select a dozen people out of the yesterday, nay, not so long ago as yesterday, who would give me very short shrift, but God, the God who is Mercy because He is Justice, the God who made me and measures me, my breath, the moment, He will judge me in the light of my submission to Him to whom He has committed all judgment, and in the light of repentance of my sins.

### IV. THE VERDICT

Forgiveness! The issue of David's repentance was God's forgiveness. It is always thus! God's answer to the cry of the humble, contrite, repentant heart is the cleansing of that heart and the setting of it right in the light of the divine judgment. 'Still stands thine ancient sacrifice. An humble and a contrite heart.'

Restoration. "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation." David was in deep trouble, there's no doubt about that; and his trouble was all the deeper because he knew that God had set His seal upon him and dedicated him to the service of the Good. And because he belonged to God and therefore should all the more diligently have kept God's possession in him fit for his Master's use, he was all the more miserable in the realization of the great transgression. The Saviour of men saves once, and David knew that. He prayed not for the restoration of salvation, but of the joy of it.

## Sanders Has 2nd Anniversary



REV. A. MARVIN SANDERS

On July 3 Rev. A. Marvin Sanders celebrated his second anniversary at the First Church, Brookhaven, as the associate pastor in charge of missions. The day was also the second anniversary service, honoring Mr. Sanders was held in the Central Chapel.

T. H. Ramsey gave a brief summary of the work during the two years at Hamilton Street. There have been 169 additions, 70 on profession of faith. There are 167 enrolled in the Sunday School with a record attendance of 165. This chapel also has a thriving BTU, WMU, and a Young People's Soul-Winning Band. Miss Patsy Wilson gave a report on the Young People's group.

Mrs. Willie Norton gave a review of the accomplishments during the one year of work at the Central Chapel. There have been 177 additions, 48 of whom were for baptism. 194 are enrolled in the Sunday School and the record attendance is 207. They have an active B. T. U., W. M. U. and a Girls' Auxiliary.

Dr. W. Landon Miller, pastor of the First Church, spoke of the beginnings of the mission program in Brookhaven and gave tribute to Mr. Sanders' deep consecration and hard work and great faith as he has worked with the chapels these two years.

Perlie Young presented a love gift of \$525 to Mr. Sanders from both chapels and the First Church.

Inspirational speaker for the afternoon was Dr. E. L. Douglas, Bible Instructor at Mississippi College.

After the service, delicious refreshments were served by Mr. Prentiss Ritchie. A beautiful cake was presented Mr. Sanders by Mrs. George Ivy.

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For Information Write:  
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## 40 & 25 Years Ago

By J. L. Boyd, Sr.  
40 YEARS AGO

The Grenada Church closed a "gracious, good meeting of twelve days" with Pastor W. F. Roberts being assisted by Rev. Wm. A. Barum of Greenville. Fifteen additions: six by letter and nine by baptism.

The Batesville Church gives her faithful pastor two months vacation "with full salary continued." (Presumably Brother J. W. Lee.)

The Okolona Church presented \$42.00 to the pastor to attend the Southern Baptist Convention and the good sisters surprised them with a "pound party."

The Ellisville Church closed a fine meeting with Rev. J. R. Hobbs of Kentucky assisted by Pastor O. D. Bowen. Eleven were baptised.

### 25 YEARS AGO

During the revival meeting at D'Lo the large auditorium of the Church was taxed to capacity. Fifty additions to the church, of whom 35 came for baptism. Pastor W. S. Landrum was assisted by Rev. W. E. Farr.

During a friendly contest between the two men's Bible classes of the Morton and Pelahatchie churches the class of the latter church reached 88.

Pastor B. C. Land, a Mississippian at Tulia, Texas, welcomed forty into the membership of the church during the revival meeting and one into the ministry.

The Davis Memorial Church, Jackson, closed a meeting in which Pastor B. W. Hudson was assisted by Rev. A. F. Kelly of Hazlehurst. Fifty were baptised and "several came by letter."

The church building of the Johnston Station church was destroyed by a tornado and one of the good men was killed. Rev. W. R. Johnson, pastor.

The Mendenhall Church closed a meeting with 25 additions, of whom 18 were baptised. Rev. J. P. Williams, pastor, was assisted by Rev. Rufus Becket.

Pastor J. J. Mayfield preached in the Magnolia church revival in which 38 were added to the church, 25 of whom came for baptism.

## CALENDAR OF PRAYER

July 25—Dr. Cecil Jones, Woman's College faculty.

July 26—Mrs. Arluin Hegwood, Jasper Associational B. T. U. Director; Mrs. J. M. Massey, Scott W. M. U. Associational Young People's Leader.

July 27—Rev. Troy Mohon, Newton County Brotherhood president; Rev. W. B. Boatner, Neshoba Associational Sunday School superintendent.

July 28—Rev. J. B. Hemphill, Lincoln Associational Convention Board member; Dr. Moselle Ashford, Blue Mountain College faculty.

July 29—Mrs. C. K. Holland, Sunflower Associational W. M. U. Superintendent; R. E. Gardner, Jasper Associational Convention Board member.

July 30—Ralph Hester, Vice-President, Mississippi Baptist Convention; D. L. Fair, Blue Mountain College trustee.

July 31—State Music Leadership Clinic meeting at First Church, Jackson.

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REV. D. A. WEST, PASTOR AT Dyer, Tennessee, assisted Rev. Charles Everitt, Bolivar Associational Missionary, in a revival at Sunnyside Church July 3-9. There were eight additions to the church, six by baptism.

## ● Southern Baptist Foreign Missions ●

M. THERON RANKIN  
Executive SecretaryGENEVIEVE GREER  
Editorial AssistantIS GOD CALLING YOU  
TO FOREIGN FIELDS?

More than at any other time in history, the world is in need of missionaries. In order to advance foreign mission work Southern Baptists need at least one thousand more missionaries than are now on foreign fields. Some of our finest young people are offering to match these needs with their lives. Will you?

Here are the qualifications which missionaries going overseas should have:

1. Physical. The missionary should be in sound body and mind. He must be within the age limits of 24 and 32.

2. Educational. The Foreign Mission Board is seeking men who are preachers or combination of preacher-teacher. A Bachelor of Divinity degree is required after completion of college. Women should have a college degree as well as a Master of Religious Education degree. Doctors should have one year internship and one year of seminary training in addition to their M.D. degree. Nurses should have one year in a seminary or training school in addition to college and R.N. degrees.

3. Spiritual. The missionary must know beyond any doubt that Christ is his Saviour. The Apostle Paul was most persuasive when he told of how Christ saved him on the road to Damascus. Most of us do not have dramatic experiences of conversion, but we can know beyond any doubt that we have surrendered our all to Christ as our Saviour and Lord.

The missionary must have a strong sense of call. Unless he is sure God has called him to work overseas he will utterly fail. He must also remember that unless he is a missionary here in the States during the years of preparation he will not be a soul-winner overseas.

Before natives will "accept" a missionary they want to know that he really loves them. Nothing can take the place of a very real love for people—a love which places others first. The fine art of getting along with others should be mastered by missionaries.

Everyone in religious work knows the importance of the daily study of God's Word and of a deep prayer life. For a missionary to succeed he must go in God's power and remember that "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

The most important job in all the world is that job which God wants you to do. If you feel that your service for God may be in foreign lands, write: Personnel Department, Foreign Mission Board, Box 5148, Richmond 20, Virginia.—Samuel E. Maddox, Personnel Secretary.

## Best Way To Help Missionaries

The very best way anyone can help the missionaries whom he knows is to contribute liberally through the local churches and see that a good percentage of the money in the local churches goes to the Cooperative Program and thence through the Foreign Mission Board.

I know that some of you want a more direct contact with the work

done on the foreign field by sending gifts to individual missionaries for the work. And we are happy to receive these—but not until you have done your share in the above plan.

Only in this way can we really set forward a worthy foreign mission program. Missionary George Hays of Japan.

## Contract Worker for New Seminary

Miss Eunice Katherene Parker of Texas has been approved as a contract worker in Switzerland. She will serve as secretary to the president of the international Baptist Theological Seminary opening this fall at Zurich, with Dr. George W. Sadler as acting president. Miss Parker is a graduate of the seminary at Fort Worth and has had training also in library science. She has been associate state student secretary in Texas.

## Latin American Hospital

The Foreign Mission Board voted at its July meeting to appropriate \$100,000 for the construction of the first unit of a hospital in Asuncion, Paraguay. This will be the first Baptist hospital ever constructed in South America, and the only Evangelical or Protestant hospital in Paraguay.

Missionary Franklin T. Fowler located and arranged to purchase property for the hospital in the suburbs of Asuncion last December, a few days after he had been granted a license to practice medicine in Paraguay.

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OKTIBBEHA ASSOC. S. S.  
OFFICERS ELECTED

Oktibbeha County Association has recently completed their Sunday School Association organization for 1949-50, with the election of the following superintendents:

Cradle Roll, Mrs. L. L. Denson; Nursery, Mrs. P. D. Lee; Beginner, Mrs. Homer L. Pruitt; Primary, Mrs. Jack Fondren; Junior, Mrs. Sam P. Morgan; Intermediate, Mrs. M. M. Smith; Young People, Mrs. Irvin Jones; Adult, Mrs. C. E. Butler; Extension, Mrs. J. G. McKay; Evangelism, Rev. John E. Barrow; Training, Mrs. M. E. McKell; Enlargement, Rev. C. S. Mullins; VBS, Rev. W. S. Smith; Secretary, Dr. Ivan E. Miles.

A special meeting of the newly elected officers was held. Miss Carolyn Madison outlined the duties of each officer. A program of activities has been adopted, and regular meetings of the association are being planned. Emphasis during July and August is on Vacation Bible Schools.

Mr. W. D. Edwards of the Adaton Church is the Associational Superintendent.

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IN LAST WEEK'S ISSUE THERE was an article concerning the newly organized association in Lamar County. We have been informed that of the eight churches composing the new association, six have been cooperating with Lebanon Association and two, Oloh and Greenville, have been affiliated with the Marion Association. All eight churches will continue to cooperate with their respective associations until the fall meeting.

MOONEY TO LEAD ORAL  
REVIVAL JULY 21-29

REV. CASTON MOONEY

Oral Church, Lamar County, has planned its annual revival July 21-29. Rev. Gaston Mooney, pastor of the Gentilly Church, New Orleans, will bring the messages.

The Gentilly Church is now in a \$240,000 building program. Mr. Mooney has been preaching at 9 and 11 a. m. each Sunday in order to meet the crowded situation. There have been above 500 additions to the Gentilly Church during his two years pastorate.

Rev. F. H. Rogers is the oral pastor.

## Mt. Vernon Revival Reported

Mt. Vernon Church, in Newton County, held a revival July 10-15 in which Rev. Montie A. Davis, pastor at Brandon, was the evangelist and Sidney Pitts, Clarke College student, led the singing. Miss Dottie Davis was the pianist.

During the week there were 2,000 Bible chapters read. There were six professions made.

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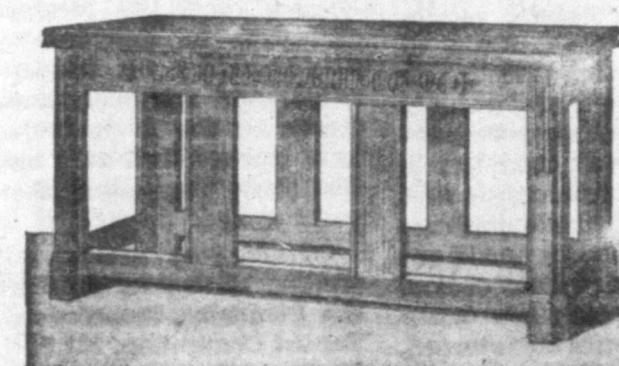
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## M. C. Endowment Is Our Obligation

By CHESTER SWOR

It was my privilege some weeks ago to see the beautiful, useful, and long-needed Nelson Administration Hall on the Mississippi College campus. I was also pleased to realize that insofar as the current building needs of the college are concerned, the completion of Nelson Hall fulfills the immediate and urgent needs of the college for added space.

In the weeks which have intervened since my visit, I have thought so often of the one remaining urgent need of Mississippi College: the need for increased endowment. Concerning this need there can certainly be no difference of opinion, for the accrediting agencies have already set very high requirements in this regard and will doubtless increase such requirements in the years just ahead. Increased endowment is not a luxury: it is an imperative necessity.

Though the immediate goal of the Mississippi College endowment drive is to bring our current endowment up to one million dollars, our Alma Mater needs and deserves twice that amount. To those of us who are alumni of Mississippi College, her need is our obligation; to those who are not alumni, giving to her needs constitutes a privilege. This alumnus has already sent to President Nelson a pledge to contribute to the endowment fund a definite amount during 1949 and 1950, and has sent the 1949 allotment already. According to your ability to contribute, why not send along a pledge and a payment right away?

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### Press Too Often Influenced By Tobacco Companies

By DR. HUGH A. BRIMM

"More doctors smoke... than any other brand!"

The public wonders if the doctors of the country actually endorse such a product. According to Dr. Kranz of Northwestern University, it isn't such a trick to get thousands of doctors to endorse your product. A cigarette company sends a carton of cigarettes to each doctor with the statement that if they are not returned the implication will be that the doctor would endorse the product. Since many doctors smoke, you can imagine how many cartons of free cigarettes are returned.

An industry worth billions of dollars can turn the heat on any person or publication that dares to crusade against its business.

You can get a book by Steinhaus and Grunderman, TOBACCO AND HEALTH, for 35c from Association Press. But Dr. Steinhaus had a difficult time getting his findings into print. He was invited to make a study and write a magazine article for a national magazine. Before doing the job he was given a \$100 retainer fee. When he sent the article in, they returned it, allowing him to keep the fee saying that they could not afford to antagonize their tobacco company advertisers.

Steinhaus became interested. He tried to get others to publish it. Nobody was interested after they saw the manuscript.



Shown above is Oak Grove Church in Amite County. The pastor, Rev. C. O. Stegall can be seen to the right and a former pastor, Rev. Willie McGeehee is beside him.

### 40 CHAPLAINS NEEDED

Today our nation is in the crisis of a cold war. An enlarged military establishment will continue for a period of years. There are approximately two million people in the military and veterans organizations. Add to this number about one-half million civilian dependents. In the military almost one-half are under twenty years of age. About five hundred thousand return to civilian life each year.

Regardless of our personal views or convictions pertaining to the large peace-time military establishment, universal training, the draft, or even Baptist preachers wearing the uniform, the fact remains that the above two and one-half million people are in need of a spiritual ministry.

At present there are 169 Southern Baptist chaplains in the Army-Air Force, 39 in the Navy, and 32 ministering in the Veterans hospitals. We need an additional 30 Southern Baptist chaplains for Army-Air Force and 10 for the Navy. God-called preachers of the highest type who feel called to this type of ministry are needed now. Candidates must possess an A.B. and B.D. degrees or the equivalent in standard credits; be physically fit; temperamentally adapt; and spiritually qualified. For service in the Army they must not have reached their 33rd birthday, for the Navy they must be under 35 years of age.

Consult your nearest military recruiting station for details and write the Chaplains Commission, Southern Baptist Convention, 161 Spring Street, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia, pertaining to denominational endorsement.

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### WHEN HOME IS HEAVEN

BY Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman

It is a great thing to begin a day by family worship.

Memories of father would be much more beautiful and lasting if they were associated with family worship.

Households would be controlled by heavenly influences if they were started in prayer and lived in the power of the prayers offered.

When a home is builded after God's own plan; when the banner over it is love; when those who make up its completed circle are animated by the spirit of Him, then there is nothing on earth quite so much like heaven as a home.

### Oak Grove Completes Bldg.

Oak Grove has just completed their building and will have the dedication program soon. The State Mission Board gave \$700 on the building program. There are 125 enrolled in the Sunday School and 110 in B. T. U.

Three deacons have recently been ordained; they are: Alford Caraway, Carlos Whittington and Homes Fenn.

A revival is in progress at the church this week with Dr. W. A. Sullivan of Natchez doing the preaching.

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### YEARBOOK-REPORTS PEEK IN U. S. CHURCH MEMBERS

NEW YORK—More Americans—better than one out of every two—are church members than at any time in history, declares Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, general secretary of the Federal Council of Churches, in a foreword to the 1949 issue of the Yearbook of American Churches, published July 15.

Pointing out that 150 years ago only one person in fifteen was a church member, Dr. Cavert observed that the annual rate of increase while behind earlier decades, is running slightly ahead of the country's population.

The most recent estimate of the nation's population is placed at 148,000,000. The Yearbook's compilation of church membership based on latest figures from all sources is approximately 76,000,000.

"On the surface at least, the United States appears to be a religious country," states Dr. Cavert. In round numbers there are 45,000,000 Protestants; 25,000,000 Roman Catholics; 5,000,000 Jews and 1,000,000 Eastern Orthodox.

He acknowledges that a wide discrepancy exists between church-membership and church-going in America. On any Sunday, except Easter, only 30 per cent of those on church rolls attend a service.

The 76,000 church members are split among more than 250 separate and independent church bodies. Ninety seven per cent of all church members are found on the rolls of the 50 largest denominations and eight denominational families embrace 80 per cent of all Protestants. These eight groups are Baptist, Methodist, Lutheran, Presbyterian and Reformed, Disciples, Episcopal, Congregational and the Evangelical United Brethren.

### Damascus Revival Adds Five

Damascus Church in Franklin County held its annual revival June 26-July 3. Rev. B. N. Simmons of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, did the preaching.

There were five additions, three on profession of faith.

Rev. L. C. Brown is the pastor.

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### TILLATOBIA REVIVAL TO BEGIN JULY 24

Tillatoba Church will begin a revival on July 24 with Rev. Claude Howe, of Drew, doing the preaching. Services will begin at 8 p. m.

A Vacation Bible school was held in the church June 13-17 with Rev. L. D. Baird of Courtland as principal. There were 57 enrolled and three professions of faith.

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### ARTESIA REVIVAL ADDS 5 V.B.S. ENROLLS 68



During the week of June 6-10, Artesia experienced the greatest Bible School in the history of the church. Of the 75 children in the community, the VBS enrolled 68, and had an average attendance of 60.

Under the leadership of Rev. L. G. Sansing, pastor of the First Church, Booneville, the Church had the greatest revival in many years. Artesia had been praying constantly for a great revival, and the Lord certainly answered the prayers.

During this series of services four professions of faith were made, and one united with the church by letter.

Rev. J. F. Stanford is pastor.

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### March Receipts For Foreign Missions

March receipts of the Board totaled \$572,618, as compared with \$355,086 March last year. Receipts for the first three months this year are \$2,765,765; receipts for the first three months last year were \$2,371,055.

Treasurer E. P. Buxton reports a total of \$1,666,332 received through the Lottie Moon Christmas offering up to April 22.

#### Relief Offerings Are Down

The Foreign Mission Board voted to transfer \$100,000 from rehabilitation to relief funds in order to continue work with refugees and displaced persons in Europe. This action was taken following a report from Dr. George W. Sadler, chairman of the Relief Committee, that only about \$16,000 remained in the treasury of the committee and that receipts were falling too low to maintain the work.

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**MEMPHIS-(BP)—A CHECK FOR \$1640.69** has been sent by Mrs. W. J. Cox, treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Union, to Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary and treasurer of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, as the result of offerings made by the young women attending Y. W. A. camp at Ridgecrest.